

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23186

Relates to S1357 on Justice Reinvestment; appropriates an additional \$2,423,300 from the General Fund, and \$360,800 from the Parolee Supervision Fund for a total of \$2,784,100 to the Department of Correction and the Commission for Pardons and Parole for fiscal year 2015; reduces the Parolee Supervision Fund appropriation to the Department of Correction by \$1,192,600 due to insufficient revenue and an overreliance on that fund; authorizes an additional 8.5 full-time equivalent positions for fiscal year 2015; expresses legislative intent with regard to substance abuse treatment services; and expresses legislative intent with regard to information technology improvements at the Commission for Pardons and Parole.

FISCAL NOTE

The bill appropriates an additional \$2,784,100 to the Department of Correction and the Commission for Pardons and Parole for fiscal year 2015. Of this amount, \$2,423,300 is appropriated from the General Fund and \$360,800 from the Parolee Supervision Fund. The bill also reduces the Parolee Supervision Fund appropriation to the Department of Correction by \$1,192,600 due to insufficient revenue; and authorizes an additional 8.5 full-time equivalent positions for fiscal year 2015.

This legislation shifts \$614,800 and ten senior probation and parole officers from the Parolee Supervision Fund to the General Fund due to lack of revenues in that fund; provides \$369,200 to hire five new probation and parole officers in fiscal year 2015; shifts \$577,800 and nine probation and parole officers from the Parolee Supervision Fund to the General Fund to recognize the loss of revenue as the supervised offender population decreases; provides \$500,000 from the General Fund to be used for training officers in effective research-based management techniques, when dealing with offenders in the community; provides \$299,000 from the Parolee Supervision Fund to hire a contractor to develop a probation and parole web-based reporting system that would also be interfaced with the department's Correctional Integrated System; and provides \$198,300 for Management Services to hire a training specialist, business analyst, and system integration analyst, senior. A like amount of funding was removed from this program during the regular budget setting due to the changing requirements in contract management. Also provided, is \$225,000 from the General Fund to hire an IT programmer/analyst position, along with operating expenditures and capital outlay to upgrade the inadequate computer management system within the Commission for Pardons and Parole.

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